

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	:	Attorney Docket No. 2005_2071A
Takemori TAKAYAMA et al.	:	<b>Confirmation No. 4545</b>
Serial No. 10/563,437	:	Group Art Unit 1793
Filed January 5, 2006	:	Examiner Deborah Yee
SINTERED SLIDING MEMBER AND CONNECTING DEVICE	:	<b>Mail Stop: AMENDMENT</b>

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of July 16, 2009, the period for response having been extended for three months by the attached petition, please amend the above-referenced U.S. patent application as follows: